

Abstract of the Disclosure**METHODS FOR EDITING MOTION PICTURES**

The invention provides improved methods for editing film into motion pictures. Visual images are transferred from developed motion picture film to a high definition video storage medium, which is a storage medium adapted to store images and to display images in conjunction with display equipment having a scan density substantially greater than that of an NTSC compatible video storage medium and associated display equipment. The visual images are also transferred, either from the motion picture film or the high definition video storage medium to a digital data storage format adapted for use with digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment. After the visual images have been transferred to the high definition video storage medium, the digital nonlinear motion picture editing equipment is used to generate an edit decision list, to which the motion picture film is then conformed. The high definition video storage medium will be adapted to store and display visual images having a scan density of at least 550 horizontal line, preferably at least 800 horizontal lines, and most preferably 1000 horizontal lines. Electronic or optical transformations may be utilized to allow use of visual aspect ratios that make full use of the storage formats used in the method.